

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 14 and 29 without prejudice. Claim 15 has now been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 14 and has been put in independent form. Since the subject matter of this claim and all claims dependent therefrom (claims 16-28) have been indicated to have allowable subject matter, these claims should be allowed.

With the cancellation of claim 29, all claim issues have now been resolved.

The Examiner's interpretation of the word "leather" to be limited to actual leather and that it does not include synthetic leather is accepted.

Since all issues in this case have now been resolved, the application should now be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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